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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
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INFORMATIONAL LETTER NO. 831

DATE: August 10, 2009

TO: Iowa Medicaid Physicians, Podiatrists, Optometrists, Opticians, Pharmacy, Independent Labs, Medical Supply Dealers, Rural Health Clinics, Clinics, Physical Therapists, Chiropractors, Audiologists, Family Planning, Psychologists, Screening Centers, Hearing Aid Dealers, Orthopedic Shoe Dealers, Maternal Health Centers, Genetic Consultation Clinics, Certified Nurse Midwife, Birthing Centers, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Federal Qualified Health Centers, Nurse Practitioners and Lead Investigation Agency Providers

ISSUED BY: Iowa Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

SUBJECT: Retraction to IL No. 815 (W5022- Pregnancy Co-Pay Code for CMS-1500 Claims)

On July 6, 2009, Informational Letter No. 815 was sent to providers informing them that they could start billing procedure code W5022 on the CMS-1500 claim form starting August 1, 2009, to indicate that a female patient 21 years of age or older is pregnant. This would ensure that the co-payment would not be deducted from these claims. CMS has informed the Iowa Medicaid Enterprise that procedure code W5022 cannot be used. Therefore, please disregard Informational Letter No. 815 and continue to indicate pregnancy on the CMS-1500 claim form as you currently do.

A pregnancy diagnosis can be reflected in any of the diagnosis code fields on the claim form and the co-payment will be waived. In addition, pregnancy can be indicated by writing the word "pregnant" in box 19 (Reserved for Local Use) on the claim form. However, billing a pregnancy related ICD-9 code allows for more accurate and efficient processing of your claim. You do not need to write the word "pregnant" on your claim form, if you are billing an ICD-9 code that is related to pregnancy.

Iowa Medicaid Enterprise (IME) supports the electronic submission of claims. Through electronic submission, you are able to submit claims more accurately. You also receive your Medicaid payments sooner than if you submitted paper claims. Iowa Medicaid Enterprise offers PC-Ace PRO 32, which is free electronic billing software. Registration forms are available online at www.edissweb.com/cgp/forms/enrollment.html. For assistance with downloading and installing this free software, please contact EDISS at 1-800-967-7902.

If you have any questions related to billing, please contact IME Provider Services, 1-800-338-7909, locally 515-725-1004 or by e-mail at imeproviderservices@dhs.state.ia.us.